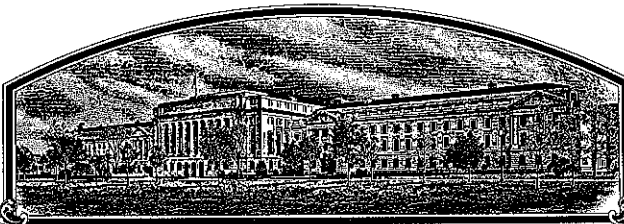


No.

9100149



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Southern States Cooperative, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'SS 516'



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two.

Attest:

Kenneth Brown
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Edward Madison
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

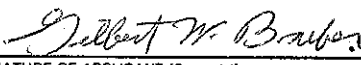
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|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) Southern States Cooperative, Inc. | | 2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NO. X5161 | 3. VARIETY NAME SS 516 |
| 4. ADDRESS (street and no., or R.F.D. no., city, state, and ZIP) 6606 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 26234 Richmond, VA 23260 | | 5. PHONE (include area code) (804) 281-1253 | |
| 6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine Max | | 7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae | |
| 8. CROP KIND NAME (Common Name) Soybean | | 9. DATE OF DETERMINATION September 1987 | |
| 10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Cooperative | | | |
| 11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Virginia | | 12. DATE OF INCORPORATION Sept. 8, 1992 | |
| 13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Gilbert W. Barber Southern States Cooperative, Inc. 6606 West Broad St., P.O. Box 26234 Richmond, VA 23260 | | | |
| | | PHONE (include area code): (804) 281-1253 | |
| 14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow INSTRUCTIONS on reverse) | | | |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety. e. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership. f. <input type="checkbox"/> Seed Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds). Date Seed Sample mailed to Plant Variety Protection Office _____ g. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,150) made payable to "Treasurer of the United States." | | | |
| 15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "NO," skip to item 18 below) | | | |
| 16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | 17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED | |
| 18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," through <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Variety Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> Patent Act. Give date: _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | | |
| 19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," give names of countries and dates) U.S.A. - November 1990. Haven't sold any, but shown in literature in November. <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | |
| 20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties. | | | |
| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))  | | CAPACITY OR TITLE Mgr. Seed Procurement | |
| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) | | DATE Feb. 15, 1991. | |

Exhibit A

Origin And Breeding History Of SS-516

- 1981 Cross was made at Maryland
PARENTS: A4997 * A5474
- 1981-82 F1 generation was grown in Puerto Rico
(winter)
- 1982 F2 generation was grown in Puerto Rico
(fall)
- 1982-83 F3 plants were grown and screened to soybean cyst nematode in the greenhouse in Arkansas. Resistant plants were transplanted and F4 seed was harvested.
- 1983 Progeny row E81385-QC83-016A was selected in Maryland for its standability and good agronomic appearance.
- 1983-84 F5 seed was sent to Puerto Rico for increase.
(winter)
- 1984 E81385-QC83-016A was entered in a Preliminary yield test conducted at 2 locations in Maryland and Delaware. It produced uniform stands and high yields.
- 1985 E81385-QC83-016A was entered in an Advanced yield test which was grown at 8 locations in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. It was selected for its high yield and standability. E81385-QC83-016A was assigned the maturity designation X5161
- 1986 X5161 was entered in two advanced tests which were grown at 18 locations in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi. It was selected for its yield, standability and disease tolerance. 72 single plants were pulled in order to purify X5161 for flower color.
- 1987 X5161 was entered in one advanced test in 1987 which was grown at 15 locations in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. It was selected for its yield, standability and cyst nematode resistance. 20 purification rows were selected for stability and uniformity. It was in September, 1987 that X5161 was determined to be a unique line.
- 1988 X5161 was entered in one advanced test in 1988 which was grown at 7 locations in Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and Tennessee. It was selected for its yield, standability and cyst nematode resistance. It was given the designation SS516. 5 Units of Breeder seed were produced in Maryland.
- 1989 SS516 was entered in one advanced test in 1989 which was grown at 6 locations in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Maryland. It was selected for its yield, standability and cyst nematode resistance. 152 Units of basic seed were produced in Missouri.

Exhibit B

Novelty Statement concerning SS516 Soybeans

To our knowledge, the soybean varieties that most closely resemble SS516 are Essex, Stafford, Hutchison, Asgrow A5403, FFR561, Pershing and Delta Pine DPL415. Characteristics which differentiate SS516 include, but are not necessarily restricted to the following:

| | 1. Flower Color | 2. Hilum Color | 3. Pod Wall Color | 4. Phyt. Root Rot Rps 1 @ | 5. Soybean Cyst Nem. Race 3 |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| SS516 | White | Yellow | Brown | Resistant | Resistant |
| Essex | Purple* | Buff* | Tan* | - | - |
| Stafford | Purple* | Imp.Black* | Tan* | - | - |
| Hutcheson | White | Buff* | Tan* | - | Susceptible |
| A5403 | Purple* | Imp.Black* | Tan* | - | - |
| DPL415 | Purple* | Imp.Black* | Tan* | - | - |
| FFR561 | White | Buff* | Tan* | Susceptible | Susceptible |
| Pershing | White | Buff* | - | Susceptible | Susceptible |
| Aa4997 | Purple | Gray | Brown | - | - |

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|
| NAME OF APPLICANT(S) | TEMPORARY DESIGNATION x5161 | VARIETY NAME SS 516 |
| ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) | | FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9100149 |

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a) 2 = Type B (SP1^b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 21 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 1

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 8

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

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☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

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☐ 0Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

★

☐ 0

Race 1

☐ 0

Race 2

☐ 0

Race 3

☐ 0

Race 4

☐ 0

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)☐ 0Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 0Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

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☐ 0Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 0Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
- ☐ 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ 2 Race 1 ☐ 2 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 1 Race 4 ☐ 1 Race 5 ☐ 2 Race 6 ☐ 2 Race 7
- ☐ 2 Race 8 ☐ 2 Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 2 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____
- ☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

| CHARACTER | NAME OF VARIETY | CHARACTER | NAME OF VARIETY |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Plant Shape | Stafford | Seed Coat Luster | A4997 |
| Leaf Shape | FFR 561 | Seed Size | Essex |
| Leaf Color | FFR 561 | Seed Shape | FFR 561 |
| Leaf Size | Essex | Seedling Pigmentation | Pershing |
| | | | |

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

| VARIETY | NO. OF DAYS MATURITY | PLANT LODGING SCORE | CM PLANT HEIGHT | LEAFLET SIZE | | SEED CONTENT | | SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS | NO. SEEDS/POD |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | | | | CM Width | CM Length | % Protein | % Oil | | |
| Submitted | 142 | 2.4 | 100 | | | 45.7 | 20 | 13 | |
| FFR 561 Name of Similar Variety | 144 | 3.0 | 99 | | | 47.3 | 20 | 16 | |

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Exhibit D

Additional Description of Variety

SS 516 is of similar maturity to Essex. SS 516 has white flower color, brown pod wall color and seed with yellow hila color and shiny seed coat luster.

SS 516 has tested resistant to Heterodera glycines Ichinohe, (soybean cyst nematode), races 3 and 14.

EXHIBIT E

Southern States Cooperative, Inc., Richmond, Virginia is
the developer and owner of SS 516 soybean variety.